



Society of Memphis Magicians



International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16
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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President



Fall Harvest Festival ... Halloween.

Both are Magical.

So, it's officially FALL. I'm still waiting on the chilly weather, but here in the South it might be several weeks away. One of my favorite memories of childhood is Halloween. I loved dressing up in funny costumes and ringing doorbells hoping to get bags full of treats. Sometimes I would get a toothbrush! Oh, and don't forget those great Halloween pranks. Just to clear things up, this holiday has nothing to do with Druids, Wicca, All Saints Day, All Hallows Eve, or the Mexican Day of the Dead. Some mistakenly think that it is related to Guy Fawkes Day, a British celebration that occurs on November 5th.

Halloween was conceived in Scotland. The Scots have always enjoyed their stories of ghosts and witches, so it isn't any wonder that when Robert Burns was born in 1759 near the haunted Kirk Alloway, near the Brig O'Doon, that he would be affected by these tales during his brief 37 years of life. He is not only Scotland's most famous son,

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

First, thanks to those of you that came to see Devin Knight lecture for us; I enjoyed it, and I know everyone else did, too. Great Mentalist, and a nice guy. Now, unfortunately, it seems the Magic and Mentalism world has lost another contributor to our art, Rachel Colombini. We here at Ring 16, have also lost another great friend, as well. Aldo and Rachel contributed so much to the Magic and Mentalism community; countless jokes, one-liners, principles, and routines; items we all can use and entertain with. Jeff Day has rightly mentioned a tribute to Rachel for our next meeting, and I could not agree more. I have a lot of her and Aldo's products, as I am sure we all do. I saw Aldo for the first time on a St. Patrick's Day lecture at the Botanic Gardens, and the rest of his lectures here, he had Rachel with him. They were very entertaining, knowledgeable, helpful, and very sincere in being approachable. They were known all over the world in our business; and here at Ring 16, they stayed true friends for all of us. I am so glad that we got to know them personally and professionally. Rachel will be missed; I know she is with Aldo now, and their Magic and Mentalism will continue to be performed and enjoyed for a long time to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

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Ring 16 October Meeting
Tuesday October 3rd - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: Spooky Magic & Mentalism

President (continued)

but the father of the American holiday, Halloween. His poems “Tam O’Shanter” and “Halloween” are poetic gems that provide folklore which is the basis for our celebration. It became a tradition to recite these poems every Halloween. Although a challenge to read, due to their length and use of weird sounding Scottish words, it evokes that spooky feeling that we all love. Magic and Halloween have had a similar connection over the centuries. Harry Houdini died on October 31st, 1926. This may be a coincidence, but some think that Houdini “planned” it. Who can say for certain.

However you choose to celebrate the holiday this Fall season, may you have lots of tricks and treats!

“HALLOWEEN” by Robert Burns

(there are 27 stanzas to this poem, these are the first two)

“Upon that night, when fairies light
On Cassillis Downans dance,
Or owre the lays, in splendid blaze,
On sprightly coursers prance;
Or for Colean the route is ta’en,
Beneath the moon’s pale beams;
There, up the cove, to stray and rove,
Among the rocks and streams
To sport that night.

Among the bonny winding banks
Where Doon rins, wimplin’, clear,
Where Bruce ance ruled the martial ranks,
And shook his Carrick spear,
Some merry, friendly, country-folks
Together did convene,
To bun their nits, and pou their stocks,
And haud their Halloween
Fu’ blithe that night.”

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September Business Meeting

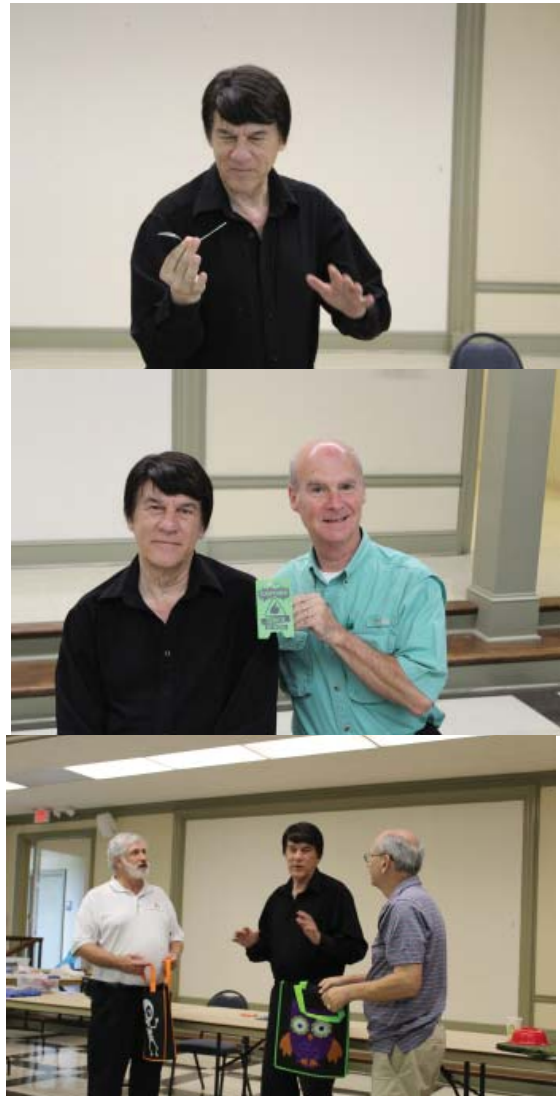
John Sorrell

September 5th, 2017

- * Lectures - Devin Knight - Saturday, Sept 16 - 2pm, GPC Warren Hall
 - TC Tahoe - Cancelled for now
- * Martin Seiler - Treasurer’s Report
- * Jeff Day - August 18th - GPC Special Needs Adults show well received
- * Jeff Day - Haunted Happenings - Victorian Village - Fontaine House Oct 27
 - \$25 Adults - \$10 <= 12 - Kids, Treats, Fortune Tellers
- * Fitz casino - Saturday, September 23 - Clairvoyants

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Devin Knight Lecture



September Open Magic

Grayson Smith - Jeff Day - Larry DuFrene

